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DesignArts Utah '03 Exhibition

The Utah Arts Council's Design Arts Program is pleased to announce the first annual tribute to design in Utah. A juried exhibition, *DesignArts Utah '03*, will run June 9 through July 3, 2003 at the Rio Gallery, 310 S. Rio Grande Street (455 West) in Salt Lake City. The Rio Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. A reception for the designers and public will be held from 6 to 9 pm on June 20, the night of the Salt Lake Gallery Association's monthly gallery stroll.

This exhibition highlights the work of nine Utah designers working in a variety of design fields. Designers included are: Robert P. Bissland – Graphic Design, Anna Campbell Bliss – Graphic Design, Hugh Culley – Product Design, David Paul Chamberlain – Furniture Design, Amy Lukas and Cameron Smith – Graphic Design, Caroline Lavoie – Landscape Architecture, Dorothee Martens – Fashion Design, George Maxwell – Theatrical Set Design, Robin Peng – Industrial Design.

The juror, Ms. Buff Kavelman, Project Director for the Smithsonian National Design Awards at the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum in New York, selected the featured designers from 35 applicants. Ms. Kavelman remarked in her juror statement, "All of the winning presentations convey the designers' authentic, individual styles and strong professional achievements – no matter what fields they represent ... all of the designers in the exhibition demonstrate finely developed aesthetic, conceptual and technical abilities."

The Design Arts Program of the Utah Arts Council is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in the diverse fields of design in Utah. The Design Arts Program strives to help the citizens of Utah see, experience, use and value the art of design that surrounds us every day. For more information about the exhibition or the Design Arts Program, contact Jim Glenn at 801-533-3585 or jglenn@utah.gov or visit the web site at: www.arts.utah.gov/publicart/design arts.



